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PRODUCERS' COOPERATIVES - THE 1952 NATIONAL BUDGET (18pp; German; [REDACTED]

The first 6 pages of this document are the photostat of a report dealing with the Communist Party's efforts to promote the producers' cooperative movement in Hungary. The report is based on a newspaper article by Denis Silagi, which appeared in "Der Monat," a periodical published in Berlin by Melvin J. Lasky, a US citizen.

The report describes briefly the unfair distribution of land in Hungary prior to 1945 and summarizes the land reforms of 1945-47, stressing that the newly-created landowners allied themselves politically and economically with the middle peasants and kulaks. The remainder of the report deals with the seizure of power by the Communists in 1948, their attacks on the kulaks, and the resistance of the peasants to attempts at coercing them into producers' cooperatives. Although this resistance led to a food shortage so severe that the government was forced to restore a free market for agricultural produce, the independent farmers are fighting a losing battle against collectivization.

The next 12 pages of the document (also photostat) are devoted to a discussion of the Hungarian national budget for 1952. They contain summaries of speeches made in the Hungarian parliament during the budget debate, together with budget and production figures [REDACTED].

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